Re. 1 per child. With regard to children who have never come to school, we are, definitely, looking into this, and we are trying to see how we can reach out to these children, and in which way we can bring these children into the stream of school. Sir, when we look at the out-of-school children comparatively, in 2001-02, it was around 3.2 crores, and as of today, that is, 2005-06, it is about 0.95 crores. So, this, definitely, shows that the out-of-school children are coming to school, and this scheme has been playing a very positive role in bringing these children to school.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : सभापति जी, अभी मंत्री महोदया ने प्रश्न का उत्तर देते हुए यह कहा कि सर्व शिक्षा अभियान नीति में परिवर्तन किया गया है जिसमें रॉ – ग्रेन यानी अनाज देने की बजाए कुक्ड मील – बना हुआ खाना बच्चों को दिया जाता है । मैं मंत्री महोदया से जाना चाहूंगी कि क्या आपको जानकारी है कि बहुत से स्कूलों में पका हुआ खाना बनाने के लिए न तो उन्हें लकडी मुहैया कराए जा रहे हैं । इसलिए जब उनको खाना पकाने के लिए आग ही नही मुहैया कराई जा रही है तो पका हुआ खाना बहुत ज्यादा स्कूलों में नही मिल पा रहा है । क्या आप सुनिश्चित करेंगी कि अगर योजना में यह परिवर्तन किया गया है कि पका हुआ खाना मिले तो वहां आग जलाने के लिए लकडी, तेल या गैस की व्यवस्था भी की जानी चाहिए ?

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESHWARI: Sir, the conversion cost that we are talking about is to take care of condiments and other factors that go into cooking of meals. But some States are also chipping in their resources. SO along with whatever funds have been released by the Union Government, they are putting in their share, and thus, they are contributing to this.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : पता करिए, है ही नहीं । आधे स्कूलों में नही है ।

Items reserved for SSI

*32. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI†:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to prune the list of 506 items reserved for small scale sector by 20 per cent;

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;

(c) whether small scale industries will be affected by the proposal; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to protect the interests of such industries?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(a) and (b) Before identification of products for de-reservation from the list of products reserved for exclusive manufacture by small scale industries (SSI), Industries Associations, Ministries of the Governemnt and specialists concerned are consulted. The Government also takes into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, on the proposal submitted on the basis of such consultation. In the above said process of consultation and recommendations, several criteria including, inter alia, domestic and global competitiveness, potential for employment and export, technical feasibility and economic viability of manufacturing the reserved items in the small scale sector, need for technological upgradation and attaining economies of scale, etc., are taken into consideration. So far, the said Advisory Committee has not submitted its recommendations for the year 2005-06 to the Government. No percentage for de-reservation is decided in advance.

(c) No adverse impact of past de-reservation has been specifically reported from anywhere.

(d) The Government continues to watch the performance of small scale industries and implements various supplementary schemes and programmes in collaboration with the States to provide support measures aimed at enhancing the productivity and competitiveness of the SSI.

डा0 मुरली मनोहर जोशी : सभापति महोदय, मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या उन्होंने कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है कि जितने लघु उद्योग की इकाइयां बंद हुई हैं उनमें कितने लोग बेरोजगार हुए ? केवल यह कह देने से कि कोई एडवर्स इफेक्ट का पता नही चला इससे बात साफ नही होती है । हम हजारों जगह जाते हैं जहां बहुत इकाइयां बंद हो गई है और उनमें से लोग बेरोजगार हो गए हैं । तो क्या आपके पास ऐसा सर्वेक्षण है, और अगर नहीं है तो क्या आप कराएंगे और यह देखेंगे कि लघु उधोगो की इकाइयों को बंद करने से बेरोजगारी में कितनी वृध्दि हुई है और सरकार उस बेरोजगारी को दूर करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाएगी?

श्री महावीर प्रसाद : सभापति महोदय, आपकी आज्ञा से मैं सदस्य को बताना चाहता हूं कि इस बारे में एक सर्वेक्षण हुआ है । 3.4.1997 को एक अधिसूचित 15 वस्तुओं का हमने सर्वेक्षण कराया है ।

श्री सभापति : क्या लिखा हुआ जवाब दिया है?

श्री महावीर प्रसाद : लिखा हुआ जवाब दिया गया है ।

डा0 मुरली मनोहर जोशी : उसमें यह नही है ।

श्री महावीर प्रसाद : महोदय, जो माननीय सदस्य पूछना चाहते हैं मैं उनको विधिवत उत्तर भेज दूंगा ।

श्री सभापति : अब छोडिए ।Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Visit of Microsoft Chairman

*27. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the founder Chairman of Microsoft during his recent visit to New Delhi in December, 2005 discussed with him various areas of cooperation, to create an enabling environment for adoption of Information Technology across the country;

(b) if so, the areas of cooperarion thus identified and the terms of cooperation agreed upon; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) During his recent visit to New Delhi in December 2005. Founder Chairman of Microsoft held discussion with Minister of Communications and IT on the following areas:

(i) Launch of Windows XP Starter Edition for India

(ii) IT enabled Education